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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO WEST  
BERLIN AND RELATED BERLIN AND GDR ISSUES

REF: A. USBERLIN 2838; B. USBERLIN 0016;  
C. PARIS 16215 (JUNE 3, 1976) (NOTAL)

1. AS WE HAVE REPORTED IN REF C, FRENCH FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S VISIT TO WEST BERLIN BECAME VIRTUALLY  
INEVITABLE PART OF SCENARIO, ONCE FRENCH HAD AGREED  
RETURN GDR FONMIN FISCHER'S VISIT TO PARIS OF EARLY  
1975.

2. QUAI DIRECTOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS PLAISANT  
NOW CONFIRMS THAT HE, AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR WORMSER  
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AND FRENCH MISSION IN BERLIN HAVE INDEED PRESSED  
DE GUIRINGAUD HARD TO MAKE BERLIN TRIP SOONEST;  
PARTLY BECAUSE NO FRENCH FONMIN HAS EVER BEEN THERE;  
BUT MOSTLY TO CLEAR THE DECKS FOR A LATER DE  
GUIRINGAUD VISIT TO THE GDR.

3. DIFFICULTY ON LATTER SCORE, PLAISANT TELLS US

IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, IS THAT DE GUIRINGAUD PERSONALLY HAS "NO ZEST WHATEVER" TO GO TO GDR, AND THAT QUAI BUREAUCRACY FORESEES CONTINUING UPHILL FIGHT WITH HIM UNTIL DATE IS ACTUALLY SET. PLAISANT ILLUSTRATES THAT THIS PERSONAL ANTIPATHY TOWARD GDR CAME THROUGH CLEARLY IN DE GUIRINGAUD'S FIRST TALK WITH RATHER PERSONABLE NEW GDR AMBASSADOR FLECK HERE ABOUT A WEEK AGO, IN WHICH DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD FLECK WITH "GREAT CLARITY AND VIGOR" THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEDING TO GDR'S DEMANDS FOR NATIONALITY CLAUSE IN CONSULAR TREATY; AN ANSWER WHICH PLAISANT SAID SHOULD FORECLOSE ANY FURTHER UNCERTAINTY ON THAT SUBJECT. (AFICIENADOS OF THE GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATION ISSUE MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN PLAISANT'S ADDITIONAL ADMISSION THAT NATIONALITY CLAUSE HAD IN FACT NEVER BEEN PRESENTED TO SAUVAGNARGUE AS MATTER FOR CLEAR DECISION; BUT THAT DE GUIRINGAUD HAD NOW SEIZED ON IT "LIKE A HAWK" AND HAD RULED AGAINST EAST GERMANY.) SIMILARLY, WHEN GDR AMBASSADOR FLECK RAISED ISSUE OF DE GUIRINGAUD VISIT, LATTER DECLINED SET DATE TAKING REFUGE IN CROWDED CALENDAR. PLAISANT ADDS THAT MOST RECENT GDR STATEMENTS ON STATUS OF BERLIN, AND RELATED ISSUE OF NEW VISA REQUIREMENTS, HAVE FURTHER ANNOYED DE GUIRINGAUD, AND WILL ONLY INCREASE HIS

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RELUCTANCE TO SET DATE. PLAISANT THINKS THAT, NEVERTHELESS, THE PROMISE HAVING BEEN MADE, DE GUIRINGAUD WILL HAVE TO AGREE TO GO.

3. AS FOR UPCOMING BERLIN VISIT, PLAISANT FULLY CONFIRMS REFTEL A'S PROGRAM OUTLINE AND CLAIMS BRIEF VISIT WILL HAVE PURELY CEREMONIAL CHARACTER. SPEECH TO BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY BE MAIN EVENT. TEXT PLAISANT HAS SENT UP CONTAINS FOLLOWING MAIN THEMES: FRANCE TAKES ITS ENGAGEMENTS SERIOUSLY, PARTICULARLY QA; QA SHOULD BE STRICTLY AND FULLY APPLIED; IT HAS WORKED WELL IN PAST AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO; FRANCE SUPPORTS MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN'S TIES TO THE FRG--WITH SOME ADDED PHRASES TO SUGGEST QUIETLY TO BONN THAT THIS SHOULD ALSO NOT BE OVERDONE; AND, FINALLY, SOME CLEAR LANGUAGE REBUTTING  
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GDR'S CLAIMS ON STATUS OF BERLIN. TEXT, AS DRAFTED, DOES NOT RAISE SPECIFIC ISSUES. HOWEVER, PLAISANT CAUTIONS THAT DE GUIRINGAUD WOULD PROBABLY NOT FOCUS ON IT UNTIL HE GOT ON AIRPLANE, AND THAT PLAISANT THEREFORE COULD NEITHER PROMISE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WOULD NOT BE MADE, NOR ADVANCE TEXT. THIS SUGGESTS SPEECH WILL NOT BE COORDINATED IN BONN GROUP.

4. AS FOR UPCOMING FRENCH-GDR AGENDA, PLAISANT SAID NEGOTIATIONS OF A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BEGIN HERE IN JANUARY, AND THAT NEXT ROUND ON CONSULAR AGREEMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. AS REGARDS LATTER, PLAISANT SAID GDR EMBASSY HERE HAS IN EFFECT TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST ON A NATIONALITY CLAUSE, AT LEAST UNTIL 1978, WHEN AS PLAISANT PUT IT "THEY HAVE REASON TO THINK MITTERAND MIGHT GIVE IT TO THEM FOR THE ASKING."  
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